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Attorney Docket No. 101.0059-02000  
Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 4939
Gary K. Michelson	)	
Serial No.: 09/674,971	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: September 30, 2003	)	Examiner: David Willse
For: METHOD FOR INSERTING AN	)	
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION	)	
IMPLANT HAVING A REDUCED	)	
WIDTH AND AN ANATOMICALLY	)	
CONFORMED TRAILING END	)	
(as amended)	)	

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Sir:

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated August 12, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 29-49 drawn to Species I, Fig. 6B and Species A, Figs. 6C, 7A, and 7B. In addition, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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